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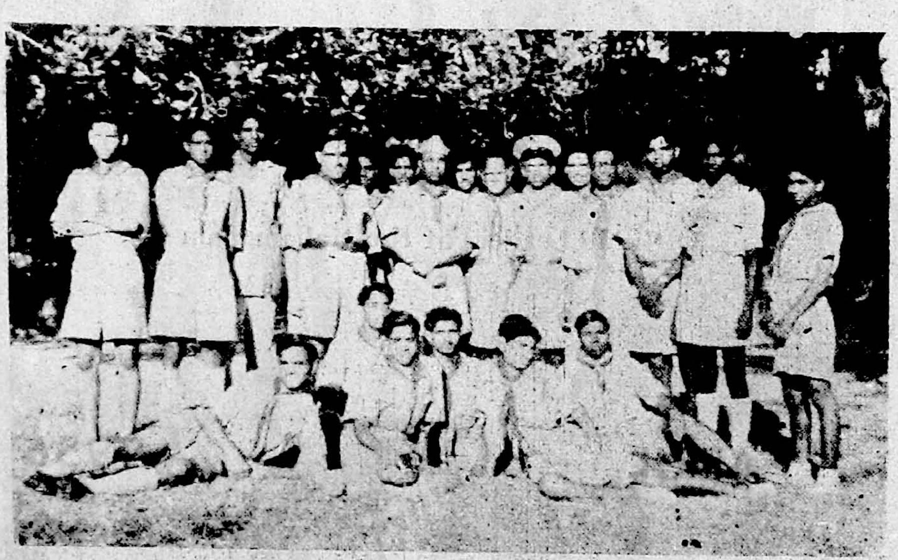
State Chief Commissioner



Rovers of the North Madras
at theBesant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar.

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A JAMBOREE YEAR

The New Year

WE begin our new Official year from 1st of April and our year is therefore from April 1st to 31st March and this year is known as the year 1956-57. Along with this we have also seen the dawn of the Tamil New Year on 13-4-56. Though this is a regular occurrence, year after year we rejoice at the birth of a New Year with great expectations of progress, prosperity and usefulness. As is customary on such occasions we have received several greetings from workers and friends which we heartily reciprocate. I am culling out one such greetings as a very fine model. Here it is.

தமிழ்ப் புத்தாண்டு வாழ்த்து

தாய்மை வெல்க! தாயகம் வாழ்க!

தென்றல் தரும் பொதிகைச் சந்தனமே
தென்பாண்டிக்கடல் முத்தே
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செந்தமிழர் சிந்தையெல்லாம்
தமிழ் முழங்க வாழ்த்துவோமே.

May it be our good fortune that greater success will attend our work this year. This year is in another sense a Jamboree year. We have published elsewhere, details regarding our National Jamboree to be held in Rajasthan in December this year. Then it is a great year for Scouts and Guides. Is it not?

A Jamboree should mean strenuous preparations, raising of ones own standards and an adventurous travel to the Jamboree and back. Seeing something of our great country and coming together at the Jamboree and live a happy, brotherly life all together, without distinction of Caste, Creed, Colour, Sex etc., in essence, live a true Scout and Guide life much to the benefit of those who take part in it. There is so much to be done therefore, to prepare for this event from now on and we hope every District will be represented in the Madras Contingent that will proceed to the Jamboree.

Rural Service Camps

We have achieved success inspite of difficulties in running Rural Service

Camps by 3000 Scouts. Many and varied were the Projects taken up and this gave us encouragement to take up such camps this year also. We have therefore applied to the Government for the holding of 18 Camps in 16 Districts at which 4500 Scouts and Guides will take part. If we have achieved success in the past, we shall aim at greater success this year and carry out work even better than last time, as a result of the experience gained. Strict adherence to the instructions issued should be the first requisite for undertaking such camps and the Camp Directors, we are sure, will rise to the occasion in every way.

Mahamakham Service by Guides

A short account of the important part played by Guides in the Mahamakham Service is separately published. This work is due to the fine leadership of Mrs. Indra Nagarajan, District Commissioner—Guides, Tanjore, and her colleagues. We hope in the coming service there will be equal number of Guides as there will be of Scouts as assured by the Guide leaders.

Our State Chief Commissioner bereaved

Sri K. Narayanappa Naidu, Proprietor and Founder of 'Appah & Co.', Chemists and Druggists, Madras, uncle of Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, passed away on 10-4-56 at the ripe age of 82. He was a man of charitable and philanthropic disposition and a devotee of Sri Ramanuja and was a hereditary trusty of the Sri Ramanuja temple at Sriperumbudur. We send our sincere condolences to our State Chief Commissioner.

A Commissioners' Training Camp

A joint Camp for Commissioners both Scouts and Guides was held at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from 2nd April to 7th April 56. Messrs V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, J. I. Muthiah and Miss S. P. Durairaj were the Officers of the Course. Mr. H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner, South Madras helped the course as Instructor and Sri K. Madhavan serving as the Quarter-master. The camp was attended by 23 Campers of whom 5 were women. Regular programme relating to such Camps was gone through and one afternoon was devoted to a visit to Mahabalipuram which is 35 miles from the Camp site, much to the enjoyment of the Campers.

Sri H. B. Ari Gowder, M.L.A., Vice-President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, inaugurated the Course. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner (Scouts) addressed the Campers. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided over the inauguration and also gave the valedictory address to the Campers, Mrs. MacLaine Clarke, a member of the course thanked the Chief Commissioner and State Headquarters for organising this course.

An ideal Institution

The State Secretary had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the Walajabad Hindumatha Padasala, Vallalar Manavar Illam and presided over the 40th Annual Celebrations of the Institutions on 12-4-56. 'This very fine institution which caters for about 1000 boys, most of whom are very poor and destitutes, is the result of the great endeavours made by Sri W. T. Masilamani Mudaliar who is the soul and life of this

institution. The yearly expenses for this Institution is, a Lakh and Seventy thousand Rupees. All this amount is secured by Mr. Masilamani Mudaliar from friends and sympathisers and phiianthropic people in our country and outside.

Every year sees new additions and new developments by way of buildings, strength and the Educational facilities. There is a fine industrial School attached to this, where many handicrafts and Cottage Industries are taught A boy who was making aluminium cups said, that he could make 300 Cups every day, A craft centred Education is much more helpful than the usual schooling that one gets. The boys learn many good things and themselves manage the whole institution. Their discipline and their extra curricular activities are given a special emphasis, and Scouting is given a prominent place in it. We are grateful to to Mr. Masilamani Mudaliar for this selfless work and hope many will follow his example. This is a unique institution, well worth a visit if it is merely to benefit the visitor and copied with advantage in other parts of the country. We wish the institution all success.

Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner (Training) will be away for six months in Australia giving training to the Guides in Australia and "interpret India to them". This is a scheme of exchange of Trainers by the International Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts We expect a Trainer from Australia to come to India and take up training work for six months here. It is indeed an honour done to Madras by the National Headquarters and we hope Miss Samuel's rich experience of Australia will add to her training capacity and be put at the disposal of our Organisation here.

Our State Commissioners Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav and Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu visited mofussil centres such as, Chidambaram, Tindivanam, Madurai Taramangalam, Salem, Pudukottai, Tiruchy. Kancheepuram, Kaveripakkam, Arkonam, Olavakkot. Palghat, Coimbatore Madurai, Sattur, Sivakasi, Rajapalayam and Sankaridrug and contacted workers and advised them on how our work could be furthered.

State Chief Commissioner and State Commissioner Guides in their Budget speeches in the Legislative Council drew the attention of the Government to the necessity of giving increased Grant to the Bharat Scouts and Guides to enable the expansion of our Movement throughout the State particularly in villages. We hope the Government will consider their suggestions favourably.

The next issue of our Bulletin will be a double numb-r for the months of May and June and will be issued on the 15th of June 1956.

Editor.

RENEWAL OF WARRANTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The renewal of Commissioners' Warrants, (District Commissioners, Assistant State Commissioners, Headquarters Commissioners as well as the Assistant District Commissioners) are done at the Headquarters in the month of April every year to authorise them to continue their good work for one more year Until this is effected and information given to them, the present Commissioners will continue. Commissioners are requested to write and inform the State Commissioners concerned, whether they will like to continue and if however they find it not possible to do so, they will suggest suitable substitutes. This is the general policy followed from year to year.

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SUMMER RURAL SERVICE CAMPS—1956

LIST OF CAMPS APPLIED FOR SANCTION

S. No.	Name of the District	Location of Camp	Strength S	Strength G	Nature of Work	Dist. Commissioner or his Deputy in charge	Organising Commissioner
1.	Madras (North)	Achama Nadu Kandigai (Uthukottai Block)	320	—	1. Road Making 2. Tank silt Clearence and Channel renovation.	Sri G Balagopal	Sri M. Ram Mohan
2.	Chingleput (South)	P. V. Kallathur (Thirukkalikundram Block)	404	—	1. Road making 2. House construction 3 Nursing and care of the sick	Sri R Messiah Doss	Sri M. Ram Mohan
3.	North Arcot	Radakrishnapuram (K. V. Kuppam Block)	375	—	1. Road making 2. Slum clearence 3. Other cultural activities	Rao Bahadur C. Doraiswamiah	Sri M. Ram Mohan
4.	Madras (East)	Kollathur (Sri Perumbudur Block)	300	—	1. Road making 2 Cultural activities	Sri M. D. Janardhan	Sri M. Ram Mohan
5.	Madras (Central)	Ikkadu (Trivellore Block)	350	50	1. Road making 2. Renovation of a canal 3 Teaching First Aid, Sanitation Sewing etc.	Sri M. Kazim Khaleeli Miss Bakkiamuthu	Sri M. Ram Mohan
6.	Madras (West)	Karaneesanpet (Kadambathur Block)	225	—	1 Road making 2. General Social Service Activities	Sri W. S. Santhana Gopalan, Asst. Dt. Commissioner	Sri M. Ram Mohan
7.	Madras (South)	Thirumangalam Kandigai (Sri Perumbudur Block)	130	—	1. Road making 2. Slum Clearence etc.	Sri H. Ramanathan	Sri M. Ram Mohan
8.	Mathurai	Narasingampatti & Kunnathur Villages (T. Kallupati Block)	250	—	1. Road making 2. Deepening an irrigational tank 3. Filling up a pond	Sri K. G. Ramabadran	Sri M. Rajagopalan
9.	Tanjore (West)	Thiruloki village (Kumbakonam Taluk)	140	25	1. Road making 2. Teaching First Aid and Sanitation to the Villagers	Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham Mrs Indra Nagarajan	Sri M. Rajagopalan

S. No.	Name of the District	Location of Camp	Strength S	Strength G	Nature of Work	Dist. Commissioner or his Deputy in charge	Organising Commissioner
10.	South Arcot	Somanthakuppam	312	—	1. Blastering of the Rock 2. Cutting the channel 3. Formation of the Bund 4 Trees Planting	Dr. V. Krishnamoorthy	Sri M Rajagopalan
11.	Ramanathapuram	Kothamangalam	200	—	1. Road making 2. Cultural activities	Sri A. R. Arunachalam	Sri M. Rajagopalan
12.	Tanjore (East)	Kuttalam (Mayuram Dist.)	150	—	1. Road making 2 Cultural activities	Sri J. S. Nessayya	Sri M. Rajagopalan
13.	Salem	Kaveripattnam (Kaveripatnam Block)	375	—	1. Road making 2 Soak pits & Manure pits 3. Slum clearence	Sri S. V. Lakshmanan	Sri J. I. Muthiah
14.	Coimbatore	Madakkuruchi	310	—	1. Road making 2 House construction 3 Slum olearence	Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai	Sri J. I. Muthiah
15.	Madras (West)	Pandur (Trivellore Block)	—	50	1. Simple First Aid 2. Bathing the babies & Combing 3. Slum Clearence etc.	Miss L. Vedanayagam	Miss S. P. Dorairaj
16.	South Malabar Palghat	Kunisseri (Palghat Taluk)	—	106	1. Home Nursing 2 Care of the Sick 3. Sewing & Tailoring	Mrs. Saraswathi Madbava Rajah	Miss S. P. Dorairaj
17.	Chingleput (Guides) Kancheepurm	Sriperumbudur	—	100	1 Slum clearence 2. Garden Work 3. Milk Distribution 4. Sewing & Tailoring	Miss G. Solomon	Miss S. P Dorairaj
18.	Madras Corporation	Madapakkam—Chingleput Local Development Works	—	200	1. Road making 2 Social Service activities	Mr. P. M. Doulatram	Sri M. Ram Mohan

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,
State Secretary.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

MAHAMAKHAM SERVICE—21-2-1956 to 27-2-1956

OUR GUIDES AT MAHAMAKHAM

The Guide Section of Mahamakham Service consisting of 50 Guides and Guiders from various parts of our State, acquitted itself well and won the appreciation of the public and the approbation of the elite. They proved that they could stand the strain of long hours of continuous service They did a good job of helping women and children to take their bath at all Bathing ghats, rendering first aid and looking after lost children in all important service centres.

Thanks to the Guide Officers, the Guides were looked after and had had a very nice time enjoying camp life amidst service.

The following were their officers

1.	Deputy Camp Commandant (General service)		Srimathi Indra Nagarajan D. C. Tanjore
2.	Deputy Camp Commandant	(Service Centres)	Srimathi R. Neelalochani A. D. C. Tiruchy.
3.	Deputy Camp Commandant	(Camp arrangements)	Srimathi V. Savithri A. D. C. Kumbakonam
	Temples I Group		
4.	Asst. Deputy Camp Commandant	(Sri Kumbeswarar, Sri Ramaswamy Sri Sarangapani & Sri Chakrapani)	Smt. K G. Mangalam A D. C. Kumbakonam
	Temples II Group		
5.	Asst. Deputy Camp Commandant	(Sri Abimugeswarar, Sri Kasiviswanathar & Sri Nageswarar)	Mrs. S. R. Chandra A. D. C. Tanjore West
6.	Asst Deputy Camp ,,	(Mahamakham Tank)	Mrs S. Edwards, A. D. C. Mayuram
7.	Asst. Deputy Camp ,,	(Bhagavath Padithurai)	Miss R. Vasantha
8.	Asst. Deputy Camp ,,	(Chakkarai Padithurai)	Miss Lily Joseph Asst. Secy. L.A. Mayuram
9.	Asst. Deputy Camp ,,	(Camp Secretary)	Srimathi K. R. Cauvery, Asst. Secy. L. A. Kumbakonam

District-War No: of Guides and Guiders that attended the Service

1.	Tanjore East	11
2.	Tanjore West	14
3.	Tiruchy	1
4.	Coimbatore	10
5.	Salem	4
6.	Kumbakonam	10
	Total	50

Their Service Assignment

Officers	8
Temples Sri Kumbeswarar	4
Sri Sarangapani	4
Sri Ramaswami	4
Sri Chakrapani	4
Nageswarar	4
Kasiviswanathan	4
Abimugeswarar	4
Tanks & Bathing Ghats	
Mahamakham Tank	6
Portramarai Tank	4
Cauvery Banks	4
Total	50

INDRA NAGARAJAN
District Commissioner (G), Tanjore

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED BY MRS. R. E MACLAINE CLARKE, *Asst Dist Commissioner (Guides.)*

1st April 1955 to 31st March 1956

EARLY in the year in December 1956 the official warrant of the Assistant District Commissioner (Guides) was presented to me, although I was appointed in the middle of the year 1955.

The first few months were devoted to the study of the work in the District and the work in various places of this District.

1. Visited :—

(1) C. E. Z. M. School, Manjithla—Flocks.

(2) Municipal High School—Scout Troop.

(3) M. M. H E. School Kullakamby—Scout Troop, Flocks Company

(4) Government High School, Kotagiri—Scout Troop.

(5) Sri Shanthi Vijaya Girls High School, Coonoor—Guide Company.

(6) Cordite Factory, Aruvankadu—Bul-Bul Flock, Guide Company, Cub Pack and Scout Troop.

(7) District Board Elementary School, Hubbathalai—Bul-Bul Flocks and Cub Pack.

(8) District Board High School, Hubbathalai—Scout Troop

(9) Hebron High School—Guides and Bul-Bul.

2. Helped to organise and attended the Rallies during the year :—

(1) District Board Elementary School, Hubbathalai, a Divisional Scout & Guide Rally held in June 1955 in connection with Parents Day celebration.

(2) Scout and Guide Week was organised at Kullakamby, Coonoor, Aruvankadu and Kotagiri during the month of November 1956.

(3) Cub Camp of the Breeks School, Ootacamund, was held at Craigmore Estate and organised a camp fire with the local Scouts and Guides taking part in it.

3. Training Courses organised and conducted :

A week-end non-continuous Training course (Cub Preliminary) was organised at Craigmore Estate at which 23 men and women teachers took part. This was organised primarily in order to encourage scouting and guiding on Tea Estates in their schools. After the Training Course, six Estate Schools registered, which is very encouraging.

Another Flock leaders Training Course organised at Stanley Park, Coonoor from the 16th to 22nd December 1955, for the benefit of women teachers alone, at which 38 women candidates took part. Miss. Durairaj, Assistant State Organising Commissioner was the Trainer, and the Camp was a great success. Our Collector and President, Sri P. Shanker Rao, B A. (Hons), opened the Camp and a large gathering of prominent people, including the Chairman of the Municipal Council were present at the opening ceremony. This camp was conducted with the object of spreading Scout and Guide movement all over the District. The teachers were very eager to start Scouting and Guiding but had no previous training. The above two courses were conducted entirely with my own money with a view to start the movement in every nook and corner of the District where schools are functioning. After this Training Course about 24 schools have started Flocks and Packs.

The third course is now being organised at Gudalur Taluk of this District to extend the activities in that area which was much neglected due to it being a malarial tract. About 2 to 30 men and women teachers are willing to avail themselves of this opportunity. After the course all of them are willing to start Scouting and Guiding in their Schools which I hope will be done before the end of our official year. I have met some of the Managers in Gudalur area and they were pleased to co-operate with me by deputing their Estate Schools teachers to the proposed course at Gudalur and promised to start Scouting in their Estate Schools after the course. I hope more units will be registered at the Headquarters, Madras, from this District.

4. Public Meetings and Conferences addressed :—

(1) I was asked to address a Public Meeting at Melur-Hosahatty at which the late Shri G. V. Mavlankar, the Speaker of our Lokh Sabha presided.

(2) Addressed the Parents Day celebrations at Hubbathalai.

(3) Presided over the Parents Day celebration and addressed the gathering at Kullakamby.

(4) Addressed the Teachers' Association meetings at Gudalur.

(5) Addressed the Teachers' Association meeting at Kotagiri.

(6) Met the Manager of Prospect Estate, Naduvattam, with a view of starting Bul-Bul Flock and Guiding.

(7) Visited the St. Mary's Girl High School, Kotagiri and interviewed Mother Superior and requested her to start Guiding in schools under her management,

(8) Addressed the Teachers' Association meetings at Coonoor, Ooty. Interviewed the Commissioner, Ootacamund Municipality and Coonoor Municipality and Chairmen of the above Municipalities, the President, District Board, Nilgiris and the President, Panchayat Board, Kotagiri.

(9) The Junior Red Cross Counseller's Training students were addressed about Guiding at Kotagiri.

5. Co-operation between Scouts and Guides in this District is getting on well in all directions particularly in conducting Rallies, Conferences, Training Camps etc.

6. Finance :—

During the above two training camps which were conducted by me, the Association secured Rs. 99/- only from the campers. By issuing appeals to the various Estates of this District a sum of Rs. 200/- was secured during the year under report.

7. Other details :—

A Scout and Guide Carnival was held at Ootacamund very successfully in the month of May 1955.

Dr. R. M. Allagappa Chettiar, President, the Bharat Scouts and Guides was entertained at Tea at the Stanley Park, Coonoor. He planted an oak tree presented by me.

Dr. Pandit Hiridayanath Kunzru, National Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides, New Delhi visited the Stanley Park, Coonoor on 29-7-1955. I and other Officers of this Association received him at the Stanley Park and he also planted a tree in honour of his visit to the Park. He said that the site is an ideal one for camping and training. Later on we accompanied Dr. Kunzru to Coimbatore for a big rally in his honour.

Thinking Day Rally was held on 22-2-56 at Craigmore Estate School grounds in honour of Messrs. W. W. Berry and P.S.M. Molvneux, the Chairman and Managing Director of Messrs. Matheson, Bosanquet & Co. Ltd., who visited Craigmore Group of Estates. Mr. W. W. Berry very kindly gave a donation of Rs. 100/-.

The fourth Divisional Conference of the District Commissioners and Guides and Secretaries of seven Districts was held at Stanley Park on 22nd & 23rd October 1955 when I was asked to preside. The second day of the Conference was held at Craigmore Bungalow, where all the delegates and scouts and guides were entertained for lunch and tea.

My husband who is one of the Vice Presidents of our Association, and I took the the chief delegates down to Mettupalayam and saw them off by train to Madras, after what was undoubtedly a very successful conference.

General Outlook :—

(1) Every where people have been sympathetic and willing to help, but the question of finance is difficult. as always.

(2) I find periodical visits to all units are essential in order to carry out our activities.

(3) Divisional Rallies, Quarterly Scouters and Guiders Conferences in various Divisions in the District should be organised at Coonoor, Ootacmund, Kotagiri, Gudalur and Estates.

(4) Girl Guide Captain Training Courses are essential in this District in order to start Girl Guide Companies.

It is essential to org nise a District Rally every year besides Divisional Rallies.

(5) Above all, touring round the District, and meeting the Heads and Teachers in their Schools is very important in order to maintain interest in our movement.

(6) I have had full co-operation from the District Commissioner (Scouts) and the Honorary Secretary in my work at all times.

I am also grateful to all other Officers and members of the Council for their ready help and guidance in my work in this District, to which I have been entrusted.

2nd All India Scout & Guide Jamboree

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NEW DELHI.

Jamboree Circular No. 1.

1. *Place*:—Jaipur (Rajasthan).
2. *Dates*:—27th to 31st December, 19 6.
3. *Fees*:—Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five) per head for making arrangements, for lodging, light, water and sanitary arrangements.
4. *Who can attend?*:—Scouts and Guides who have passed the Second Class test and who are between the age of 14 to 17 and who have obtained at least two proficiency Badges should be included into the Contingent.

The Jamboree is to be held in December 1956 and if efforts are made from now it should not be difficult to get sufficient number of Scouts and Guides of the required qualifications. Every effort has to be made to increase efficiency and we should start from now.

5. *Special Features of this Jamboree*:—

(a) The Unit will be a Patrol.

(b) Each patrol will as far as possible be housed in a Rahutti, Choldari or tent.

(c) Each patrol will cook its own food.

(d) There will be a manual labour work project where every member of the contingent will work for one hour only during the Jamboree period.

(e) Only Second class Scouts and Guides with two proficiency Badges will attend.

(f) There will be conferences for Commissioners, Scouters and Guiders, Patrol Leaders and re-Union of Himalayan Wood Badge holders of both sections.

6. *Arrangements for Food*:—All persons are very earnestly requested to take Vegetarian food during the Jamboree period. Food stuffs and fuel at reasonable rate will be for sale in the Jamboree Grounds. The contingent can also bring their own food stuffs with them if they so desire.

Special Provision for non-Vegetarians:

For the convenience of persons who are not accustomed for total Vegetarian meals eggs will be on sale on the stall.

7. *Arrangements for Cooking*;—

Some open space will be allotted for each patrol some yards away from the tents where patrols will cook their own food.

Patrol leaders, Scouters and Guiders should give their thoughts as to what food can be prepared in shortest possible time which will be also nourishing and also try it beforehand. They should also be taught all safety precautions against fire and give them practices to arrange fire places without the help of bricks, if necessary, and keep the places clean,

8. *Date of Informing fairly Approximate number from each State*:—

States are requested to inform the *Jamboree Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Headquarters, Bani Park, Jaipur (Rajasthan).*

The approximate number of Scouts & Guides (separately) of the required qualifications participating in the Jamboree before 1st Sept., 1956.

9. *Last Date for Registration*:—All Scouts and Guides attending the Jamboree must register their names *before the 1st of October*, 1956 with the Jamboree Finance Secretary C/O Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Headquarters, Bani Park, Jaipur along with a registration fee of Rs. 5/- (Rupees five) per head. The Registration will be closed on 10th October, 1956.

Explanation.—From the past experiences it is found that persons do not make up their minds till the last moment and there is a great rush at the last moment and then it is not only difficult but impossible to make arrangements, with the result that every body is inconvenienced. All the authorities and Scout and Guide officers are very earnestly requested to help the Jamboree committee by making up their minds quickly and registering the numbers in time,

10. *Precautions* :—1. Jaipur is very cold in December and it is necessary that Scouts and Guides should bring sufficient warm clothing. In this part ' Razayi ' with cotton inside is used and found useful. It may not be possible for all to have ' Razayi ' but very warm clothing is necessary. Especially persons coming from South should kindly note this point.

2. Scouts and Guides who are physically unfit, or who were not keeping well some 15 days before departure from the place should not be included.

11. *Attractions* :—Rajasthan is a place of heroes. They were once upon a time equalled to the Knights of old. Rajasthan is known for the Independent spirit of Rana Pratap, Padmini. The Kirtistambh of Chittoor is the Jambore Symbol.

12. *Commissioners* : - Commissioners of all ranks are requested to take part in the Jamboree. In the conference we shall discuss about planning, efficiency, and ways and means of making the Movement Dynamic. They are however, requested to register their names before 1st of October, 1 56.

13. *Unattached Scouters & Guiders* :— As far as possible Scouters & Guiders should come with their Troops or companies. Some arrangements will be made for unattached scouters. The camp fee for unattached scouters will be Rs. 6/- (Rupees six). The information about their mess arrangements and the rates for the same will be intimated later.

14. *Motto of the Jamboree :—Talk less work more, no grumbling, keep smiling and be a good neighour*

15. A Jamboree Guide book is being prepared and will be sent to the State Associations in due course.

D. P. JOSHI
National Organising Commissioner

Conference of Scout Commissioners & Secretaries

(Continued from March Issue)

The other matters considered at the meeting were, that a compilation of the G. Os that are issued from time to time by the Director of Public Instruction for the guidance of Sch ols should be made available in a pamphlet form, for ready reference This the State Secretary said would be arranged in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction. Several other points relating to one or two difficulties in some of the Districts, such as the amalgamation of two Districts into one and whether the present arrangement is better etc, were also considered

With regard to Rural Camps every one present was in favour of undertaking a Camp in his own place and that money needed for the Camps should be made available before the Camp is organised. This was agreed to. It was pointed out that the daily allotment of Rs. 2/- per head is now reduced to Rs. 1/12/-and that they should be as far as possible economical and submit the report and accounts within 10 days after the termination of the Camp, duly countersigned by the District Collectors etc . as required by the Govornment.

Mr Ratnasabhapathy said that the trust reposed on the Movement by the parents should be honoured, their consent is necessary always before we direct the boys for emergency service. even there we should be careful and cautious not to go against rules and regulations and if there was any dfficulty, the matter may be referred to the State Chief Commissioner for direction.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to all present, proposed by Mr. M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner.

22 APR 1956

Departure of Miss G. R. Samuel

Our Headquarters Commissioner—Guides (Training) to Australia

PARTING is always bitter but it was with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow that many of the members of the Scout and Guide Section assembled together at the Air port on 2nd April to say 'AU REVO.R' to Miss G. R. Samuel our Headquarters Commissioner-Guides (Training) who left for Australia. The Air port was filled with a crowd of Scouts, Guides, many District Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners, Headquarters and State Commissioner (Scouts), State Secretary, and also a host of friends and relatives. The Guides of St. Thomas Mount presented a Guard of Honour and Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, Headquarters Commissioner-Guides garlanded Miss G. R. Samuel.

We are happy that she is selected by the World Bureau to help Australia with training under the scheme of exchange of trainers in the different parts of the world We are proud that she is sent as an Ambassador of the Bharat Scouts and Guides of India. We all hope that she will enjoy a most delightful and happy stay for the six months which she will be spending in that country. We are also happy to note that when she returns to us in October she will be bringing with her a trainer from Australia to share their ideas with India.

Prior to her departure the Headquarters had arranged for a Second Class Competition for the Guides of Madras city under the leadership of Mrs. N. Walawakar, Headquarters Commissioner-Guides (Public Relations) at the Headquarters on 26th March 1956. The various districts of Madras eagerly took part in the tests based on Intelligence, Health, handicraft and Service. It was indeed a difficult task for the judges to weigh the standards of the Guides but we are happy to say that the North Madras district scored the highest marks in total. The competition was followed by a Tea Party given by the Headquarters in honour of Miss. G. R. Samuel and it was attended by the District Commissioners and District Secretaries of Madras City. After the Tea Party there was a farewell function. The Guides from various districts took part in interesting displays. The State Chief Commissioner, Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, presided over the meeting. The State Commissioner (Guides) Mrs. C. Jadhav delivered the farewell speech. Miss G R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner-Guides (Training) awarded the Strathie Shield to North Madras district. The State Secretary, Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy proposed a vote of thanks. The Commissioners of Madras City and Officers presented a Benares Stole to Miss G. R. Samel as a token of love. The State Headquarters have also given a few more articles representing the typical Indian village and models of Indian musical instruments. These are sent from us as gifts to the Guides of Australia.

S P. DURAIRAJ
Joint State Organising Commissioner—Guides

HERO OF THE SERVICE

Scout Balakrishnan of Pavadi Municipal High School of the Salem Contingent of Scouts to Mahamakham was responsible for catching the thief during the festival, recovering Rs. 600/- and restoring it to the owner and handing over the culprit to the Police. It was an act of special heroism and the manner in which he was able to tackle the thief is remarkable. He was easily declared by the Camp as the Hero of the Service and he deserves it fully. At such a young age, be had the nerve and courage to face the situation is something very creditable. We congratulate him on his daring act and are recommending him to the National Headquarters for a suitable award.

Tributes to Father of Scout Movement

GOVERNOR UNVEILS LATE BAJPAI'S PORTRAIT

Governor Sri Prakasa stressed the need to develop active leadership in all spheres of public life, when he unveiled the portrait of late Pandit Shri Ram Bajpai, father of the Indian Scout movement here to-day.

The Governor said that the late Pandit Bajpai was a model Scout, whose services in the cause of the movement would be an inspiration for the future generation. The scouts movement' he said, was the finest movement' the world had ever known.

The function was held at the Pachaiyappa's High School Esplanade. The portrait of the late Pandit Bajpai was presented to the Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides by the Little India Scout Group.

Dr. E. K. Swamy, Chairman of the Little India Scout Group, requesting the Governor to unveil the portrait, spoke on the work of their "revered Guruji", who piloted the scout movement in the country for over 40 years. Starting life as a humble school teacher in Saharanpur (U. P.) Pandit Bajpai revolutionised the scout movement in such a fashion that he came to be called the 'father of the movement.' His death was an immense loss to scouts and scout movement in this country he said.

Mr. K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, accepting the portrait on behalf of the Bharat Scouts and Guides thanked Dr. E. K. Swamy for the valuable present and said, Mr. Bajpai's portrait that would hereafter adorn the walls of the premises of Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides would inspire them and the future generation.

Mrs. Mary Clubwala Jadhav. State Commissioner for Guides, Mr. S. R. Venkataraman of the Servants of India Society and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, also spoke, characterising Pandit Bajpai as a 'fine leader of a fine movement.'

Unveiling the portrait, the Governor said he knew Mr. Bajpai for over three decades and was familiar with his activities. He virtually led the scout movement and was beacon light to the scouts and guides. The very fact that he lived for 80 years showed that how perfect and good a life he led.

The Governor said the boy scouts and girl guides had a great responsibility at the present juncture for promoting peace and brotherhood in the world.

Earlier, Mr. A. S Venkateswarlu, gave an account of the activities of the Little India Scout Group which was an auxilliary to 20th North George Town Bharat Scouts and Guides,

Kumari P. V. Vatsala read messages received on the occasion from Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Pandit Pant and others.

Mr E. Sambasivan proposed a vote of thanks,

NORTH MADRAS

29 Scouts and 15 Cubs of Dr. G. M. T. V. High School Scout Group under the leadership of 5 Scouters of the Group stayed in camp for 2 days from the evening of 10th February to the evening of 12th Feb 1956 at Camp Tonakela, Avadi. The Scouts completed their Tenderfoot tests and the Cubs, their Tenderpad and II Star tests. A treasure hunt to the neighbouring villages was arranged for on the 11th February. Camp Fire was held on the nights of 10th and 11th Feb. The campers enjoyed the camp very well.

The camp was under the leadership of Scoutmaster, N. K. Aravamudan, assisted by Messrs. M D. Gopal, R. Krishnamurthi, V. Subramaniam, and G. Srinivasan.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

Pratab Kuti,'
Karve Road, POONA 4.
Dt. 16-3-1956.

N. O. C. Circular No. 2

Dear friend,

(1) I am thankful to all friends who have offered their hearty co-operation to me in my work as N. O. C. and with the united efforts of all, I am sure that the cause of Scouting and Guiding will be on the forward march.

(2) It has been now decided to have the second All India Jamboree (Mela) at Jaipur *from 27 to 31st of December 1956,* and a detailed circular for the same is being sent separately.

(3) Some State Secretaries have been good enough to send me information about available literature but there are still many more who have not sent the same. I would very earnestly request them to send the required information immediately. Efforts are being made to have the consolidation and also expansion of the movement and in this cause literature would be of great help.

As soon as I get all information, I would request the National H. Q. to appoint sub-committees to study the available literature and suggest changes, if required. As india now is an independent country some changes may be necessary in the book—'Scouting for Boys in India' and the authorities will have to be approached through proper channel and get their approval. This process may take some time. As soon as the required information is obtained at the N. H. Q. further steps can be taken.

I would, therefore, request those State Hd. Qrs. who have not yet sent the information to do so immediately.

(4) *Programme for the the next year* :—

Some States have already chalked out programme for the next three years; some may have chaked out for the next five years; some for the next year only while there may be some who may be still thinking about the programme for the next year; but I am sure that they would be finalising it soon.

I would request all the State Hd. Qrs. to send us the following information to enable the National H. Qrs. staff to chalk out their plan for the next year.

I. (A) Himalayan Wood Badge Courses for *Scout & Guide* sections.

(B) Any advanced courses for *Scout & Guide* sect ons.

(The words Scout & Guide to include Cub Scout, Rover, Bulbul, Guide & Ranger)

(C) Any Preliminary courses.

(D) Refresher's Courses.

(E) Patrol Leaders' Courses.

For the Himalayan Wood Badge Courses it is necessary to take permission from the Camp Chief well in advance as per training scheme—page 3 para 4.

II. Any State Rallies—Place—Date—

III. Any Community Project Camps planned.—Place - Date—

IV. Conferences—Place and Date.

V Annual meeting of the State Council—Place and Date—

VI. Dates of the Scout Week.

(5) *Summer Camps and Summer Programmes*:—Scout troops and Guide companies will be having programmes for Camps or may be making arrangements to teach swimming. The State H. Qrs. are earnestly requested to draw attention of the Scouters and Guiders to Rule No. 355, 362 to 374 of the A. P. R. O.

Their attention should also be drawn to the following suggestions ;—

(A) While travelling through the trains, they should show that they belong to Scout and Guide organisation and their behaviour is exemplary.

(B) They show courtesy to all.

(C) Their compartments are scrupulously clean.

(D) They are good neighbours.

(E) They are smart, cheerful and disciplined.

(6) Register of Scouts and Guides who have obtained the Bharat and First Class badges.

The National H. Q. is anxious to see that the number of *Bharat* Scouts & Guides and first class Scouts & Guides is on the increase. It is, therefore, suggested that the State H. Qrs. should get the names of the individuals from troops and companies on the following dates:

1st August, 1st January & 1st March and keep a register at the State H. Qrs. The following information may be useful.

(Separate register should be maintained for Scout or Guide Sections.)

Name. Age. Troop. Address of Troop

The N. H. Q. would be happy to get the number of *Bharat* Scouts & Guides, First Class Scouts & Guides from each State before *10th August 1956*.

(7) The N. H Q. receives letters from Scouts and guides in other countries to give them addresses of Scouts & Guides who would like to exchange correspondence with them. The State H Qrs. are requested to give the names and addresses of those Scouts and Guides with their ages who are anxious to have friends in other countries and who can afford to spend for postage and who can write through the medium of English.

(8) Have friends in other States in India :—

We are very anxious to see that Scouts & Guides have friends in all parts of India and Scouts & Guides can exchange letters through Hindi and that too on post cards. The State H. Qrs. are requested to send round this suggestion to all troops and companies and get the following information, and the National H. Q. would do their best to put them in touch with friends in other States.

Information for Scout or Guide Section should be collected separately.

Name : Age : Address : State :

: :

Another State with whom wishes to correspond

D. P. JOSHI
National Organising Commissioner.

NILGIRIS DISTRICT

Cub Masters' Training Camp, Gudalur, Nilgiris District

A Cub Masters' Training Camp was inaugurated on 17th March 1956 at the District Board School, Gudalur 31 Miles from Ootacamund by Sri T. T. Titus, Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division, Coimbatore.

Sri. K. Kunhikrishnan, President, Panchayat Board Gudalur welcomed the trainees Sri B M Kudubi, District Educational Officer, Nilgiris and Sri B. V. Gangadharan, Head Master, Board High School, Gudalur were present. Sri V. P. Ramaswamy, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief was in charge of the course. Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke proposed vote of thanks.

REPORT OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (GUIDES)

NILGIRIS DISTRICT

During the year 1955 I spent considerable time trying to ascertain through correspondence the actual number of Guide Companies and Bulbul Flocks in the District, together with the names of their Guiders, days and hours of meeting etc. Several representatives of these units called on me requesting information and advice. It was requested by them that non-resident Trainings should be held in Ootacamund during the months of September and October. This suggestion was put forward by me to the Head of Training in Madras and met with approval. Mr. Willy very kindly gave permission for the Trainings to be held at Breeks School, Ootacamund, on Saturday mornings. The Trainings covered the Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests for Guides and Bulbuls.

During the year I attended the Scout and Guide Rally at the Government Gardens, Ootacumund: I attended with my Guide Company at the opening of the new College, and with my Guides and Bulbuls took part at the opening of the Scout and Guide week.

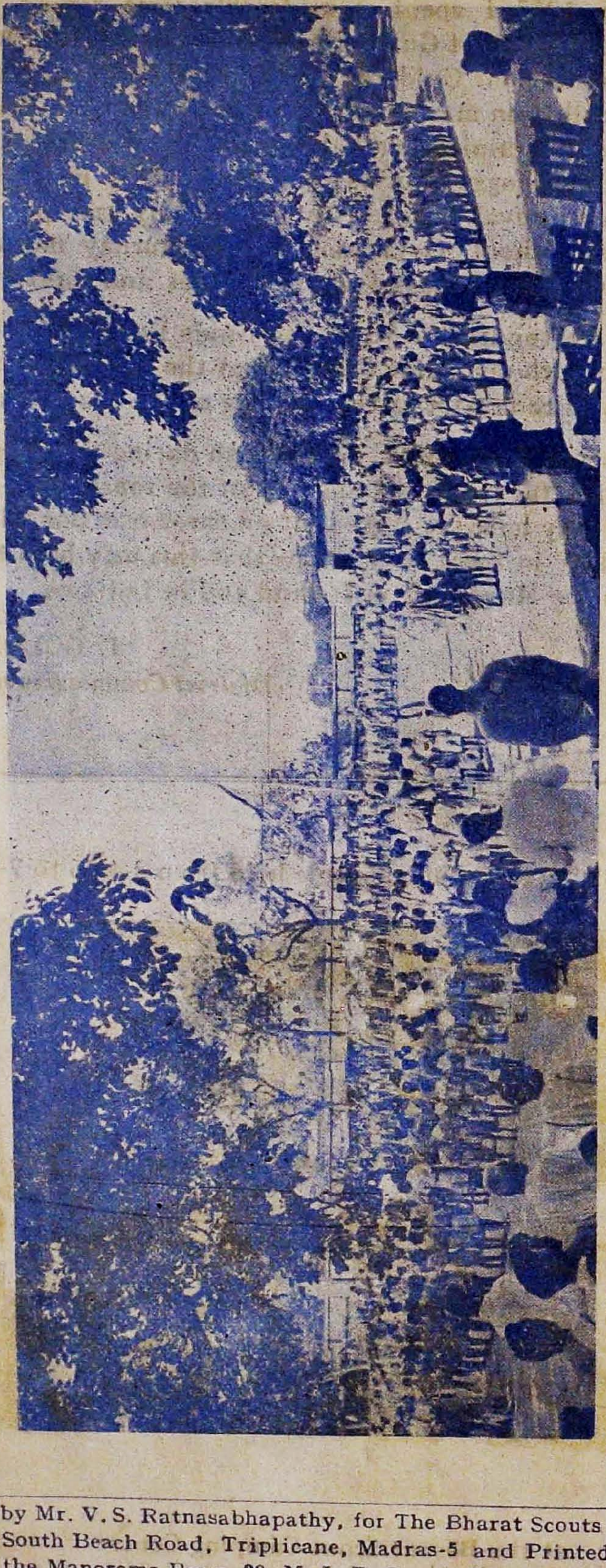
Owing to my absence from India on furlough during the months of December and January it was not possible for me to attend any of the functions organised in honour of Dame Leslie Whately I may however state that on three occasions during my furlough in Ireland I spoke on Guiding in India and I hope that this may help to foster goodwill and interest between those in the Movement in Ireland and in India

I. GOLDING
District Commissioner (Guides) Nilgiris Dt.

Commissioners' Training Course held from 2-4-56 to 7-4-56

at the Besant Scout Camping Centre

THE DIVISIONAL CUB RALLY—MADRAS



The Mayor of Madras Sri. V. Ramanatha Iyer unfurls the Flag and reviews the Cubs.

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